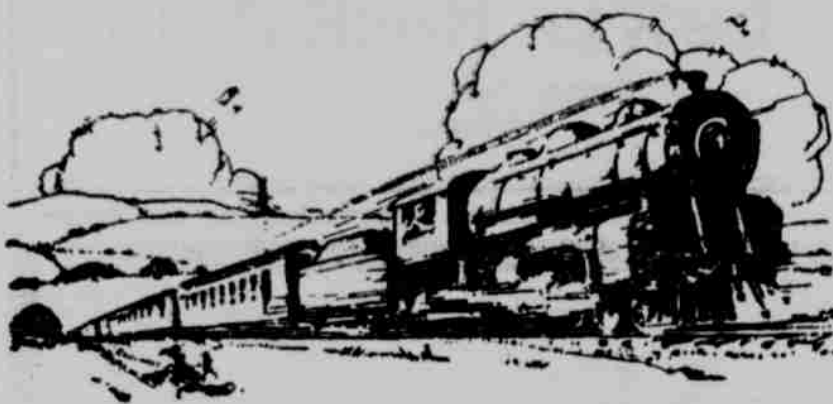


Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

From the Store that deals in
**Hardware
and
Implements**
Washing Machines
**Grinnill
and
White Lily**
Electric -- Dolly, or Vacuum
Let me quote you prices on
**Washers, Builders' Hardware
and Implements**

J. M. MONTIGEL
Opposite Grist Mill



The railways of the United States are more than one-third, nearly one-half, of all the railways of the world. They carry a yearly traffic so much greater than that of any other country that there is really no basis for comparison. Indeed, the traffic of any two nations may be combined, and still it does not approach the commerce of America borne upon American railways.

—United States Senator Cullen.

Ask Any Doughboy Who Was "Over There"

and he will tell you that American railroads are the best in the world.

He saw the foreign roads—in England and France, the best in Europe—and in other Continental countries—and he knows.

The part railroads have played in the development of the United States is beyond measure.

American railroads have achieved high standards of public service by far-sighted and courageous investment of capital, and by the constant striving of managers and men for rewards for work well done.

We have the best railroads in the world—we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the \$20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings—and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen—in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men—the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Buy the best. Buy DeLuxe.—77-4f
You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers.—02-4f-c
Rolls, buns, and cream bread at the Model Bakery.—24-4
Mrs. C. J. Milliken spent the latter part of last week in Saginaw.
Ladies coat for sale at St. Alma Tailors. Uncalled for dry cleaning job.—ad.
Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-4f
Russell Cummings of Cleveland is spending the week in this city, a guest at the home of his parents.
Mark L. Spinney of Detroit is spending the week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spinney.
Cookies, pies, fried cakes, cakes and a general line of baked goods fresh each day at Model Bakery.—24-4.

Paris Robinson has returned from a four weeks' visit with relatives and friends in various central Illinois cities.

Mrs. Laura Quick of Detroit is spending the holidays in this city, a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Cook.

Roy Gulick of Rogers City is spending the holidays in Alma, a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gulick.

Miss Marjorie Bildson, who is teaching in Cadillac this year, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Bildson.

President H. M. Crooks returned the latter part of last week from a several days' business trip to Detroit in the interests of Alma College.

Ora L. Smith, prosecuting attorney, and Alfred Willert, sheriff, both of Ithaca, were in Alma Monday on business connected with their offices.

How can a vamp be virtuous. Constance Talmadge will show you in the funniest farce ever screened, at The Regent, Sunday, Dec. 28.—adv.

Miss Ivah Hooper, who is attending the Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti is spending the holidays in Alma, a guest at the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Channing Parsons of Wausau, Wisconsin, are spending the holidays in Alma, guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parson.

Why take a chance with your garments. Have your French dry cleaning done at the St. Alma Tailors (gold lettered sign). All work guaranteed.—ad.

Alonso Beshgetoor, chemist with the Dow Chemical company of Midland, is spending Christmas at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. V. K. Beshgetoor.

The Alma Fire Department was called to the residence at 617 Wright avenue late Tuesday afternoon by a small blaze, which, however, was extinguished before the department arrived.

Miss Olive Smith, who is an instructor in the Western State Normal at Kalamazoo, is spending the holidays in Alma, a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Smith.

The Alma public schools will reopen after the Christmas vacation on Monday, December 29, at which time it is hoped that all pupils will be on hand so that the school work will not be delayed.

Rev. V. K. Beshgetoor returned home from a trip to Grand Haven, Allegan, Hastings and Big Rapids, being gone for some weeks. During the time that he was gone he preached in Allegan each Sunday.

Rev. V. K. Beshgetoor will leave Saturday on a speaking tour through Indiana for the Near East Relief Committee. The speaking tour will take in such cities as Logansport, Fort Wayne, Marion, Muncie, Lafayette, etc.

Mrs. Harriet Sovereign and two daughters of Evert are spending the holidays in this city, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spinney.

The L. O. T. M. will hold the regular meeting Friday afternoon, January 2, 1920.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Shepard left the first of the week for Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they will spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Edward Brehm and family. Later they will go to California, where they will spend the winter. They expect to return to Alma about March 1.

The Sharrar & Watson offices, and offices of Clarence Wheeler have been moved from the Opera House block over the J. C. Penny store, to the room in the Wright House, formerly occupied by the Alma Development company. The offices of the firm were moved Saturday and by Monday everything had been nicely settled in the new location.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brock and family of Dayton, Ohio, are guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brock. Mr. Brock, who is making his first visit home in seven years, will return to Dayton the last of the week, but his family will remain for a longer visit, they being very desirous of seeing a snow storm. Mrs. Brock and children are from the southern states, having been in Dayton only a few months, and have yet to see their first snow storm.

WRIGHT SCHOOL

Pat Whitercraft of Lansing was a caller in the neighborhood last week. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Webb are spending the week with relatives in Midland county.

Mr. and Mrs. Rock Dayton and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Isham of Pompei were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Isham.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Veeder of Clare spent the week end with his father, Milton Veeder and other relatives.

Miss Anna Lentz of Grand Rapids is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Lentz.

The Xmas tree and program at the brick school Friday afternoon was well attended and the program was much enjoyed by all.

Mr. Biddack of Alma spent the week end with his daughter, Mrs. Will Johnson.

COMMUNICATION

Editor of the Record:
Going about from city to city in my work I meet the best people in their homes, places of business and churches. And I am sure a popular vote on the Treaty of Peace and the League of Nations, would result overwhelmingly in favor of the Covenant. A few prefer some slight reservations, or explanatory clauses, and yet if these additions might endanger the passage of the Treaty, they would approve it just as it stands. There is a great disappointment at the action of the Senate. They see no surrender of Americanism for "Unanimous" makes it impossible for us to be drawn into any conflict without our consent. Today we enjoy the World's confidence. God has thrust us into World leadership. Shall we turn our backs on the high ideals we professed to hold and for which our boys died? If we fail at this crisis and have to fight it all over in the next war, can we escape the guilt of the blood and sacrifice that will be paid? Can we stand aloof now? Can we assume a loofness at a future conflict?
Yours,
V. K. Beshgetoor.

PASSES MANY TESTS

Making Sure of Battery Jar Perfection is a Good Idea.

"Some idea of the care used in the construction of Willard Batteries may be obtained from the severe electrical and mechanical tests which each jar has to pass before it can become part of a Willard battery," says the local Willard expert. "Each one of these rubber jars has only to stand a pressure of about 2 volts in actual service, and is carefully protected from mechanical shock. But before these jars can get by the electrical inspector, each one of them must prove its ability to stand up under a pressure of not a few volts, but of a full 24,000 volts; and in order to make sure that each piece of rubber is mechanically strong, each lot is sampled and the sample submitted to a tension of 3,600 pounds to the square inch."—adv.

To Clean Diamonds.

Diamond dust is a fine dust produced from cutting diamonds. It is extensively used by jewelers, chiefly for cleaning diamonds. It may be procured in any jewelry store, together with instructions for its use. Another quite satisfactory way to clean diamonds is to make a lather of soap, add a little ammonia and apply this cleansing preparation to the stones with a tooth brush.

"Poor Man's Weather Glass."

The figures of which the leaves of the horse-chestnut are made up keep flat and fanlike so long as the fine weather is likely to continue. With the coming of rain, however, they droop, as if to offer less resistance to the weather. The scarlet plumpkin is known in England as the poor man's weather-glass, and opens its flowers only when the weather is fair.

Sought Trees for Protection.

Tree-dwellers are found among savages in various parts of the world. According to the scientists the first habitations of mankind were in the trees as the most adequate protection against the many enemies of the early type of man. It was only in the later period of man's evolution that he was strong enough to hold his own on the ground.

The "White Feather."

The expression, "He showed the white feather," has its origin in reference to game cocks. Pure-bred game cocks have only red and black feathers, but cross-breeds have a white feather in the tail. The slightest impurity in strain is said to destroy the bird's pluck, hence the white feather is used to denote cowardice.

A Tip.

There are two great races—the human race and the horserace—and if you must bet, lay your wager on the human race—it is safer.—Jacksonville (Fla.) Times-Union.

TAX NOTICE

The taxes are now due and payable any time before January 9, 1920, without any percent. Four (4) percent will be added from January 10 to February 28, 1920, at which time all unpaid taxes will be returned to the county. 27-3-c
D. W. Adams, City Treasurer.

Chamberlain's Tablets

These tablets are intended especially for indigestion and constipation. They tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They act gently on the liver and bowels, thereby restoring the stomach and bowels to a healthy condition. When you feel dull, stupid and constipated give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with their effect.

ALMA NEWS.

This Case Has a Hint for Many Record Readers.

An Alma woman has used Doan's Kidney Pills.

She has found them as represented. She wishes her neighbors to know. She publicly recommends them.

No need to look further for a tested kidney remedy.

The proof of merit is here and can be investigated.

Profit by the statement of Mrs. Josephine Vonnormar, 416 W. Mechanic St. She says: "For many years I suffered from rheumatic pains in my back and limbs. I was nervous and dizzy. I didn't sleep well at night and mornings felt all tired out. Kidney and bladder weakness bothered me, too. Doan's Kidney Pills greatly relieved these ailments. I hadn't used them long before the dizzy and nervous spells left, together with the rheumatic pains. Doan's Kidney Pills can be depended upon to give good results."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Vonnormar had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.—adv 66.

For the Greatest Business in our History

WE want to thank the people of Alma and vicinity, and extend to them our best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Cushing & Benedict
Where You Do The Best

THE MAN FROM MICHIGAN STORES

Men's and Young Men's
Suits and Overcoats
at **\$27.45**

Your choice of a great variety of the latest styles and materials. In OVERCOATS there are full belters, 1 1/2-belters, semi-fit models, box overcoats and conservative Chesterfields.

In SUITS—waistseam styles, one and two-button high waisted models, plain sack form-fit models, conservative three-button styles. Actual \$36.65 values at special holiday price, \$27.45.

Others from \$22.45 to \$39.00

SPECIAL PRICES ON
**Men's Fine
Shirts**

\$4.50 quality Negligee SHIRTS of finest white cord pique, soft cuffs.

Special
\$3.35

(We pay the tax)
Others in finest percales, madras, cord madras and tub silks, \$1.39 to \$4.95.

SPECIAL
Men's Elastic Rib Knit SHIRTS or DRAWERS \$1.50 value

SPECIAL
\$1.15

Mackinaws
**\$10.65 Value
Men's Mackinaws**

Heavy waterproof fabric, attractive overplaid patterns, big shawl collar, roomy pockets.

SPECIAL
\$7.95

Others up to \$11.95

\$9.35 Value Boys' Mackinaws
Well tailored from heavy, warm, durable mackinaw cloth, snappy plaid patterns, large shawl collar and pockets; all sizes.

SPECIAL
\$6.95

Others at \$7.45, \$8.45, \$9.45

Sweaters

Men's \$9.25 Value SWEATERS—Choice of medium weight rib knit and extra heavy rope stitch knit, good quality wool worsted yarns, shawl collar style, best grade make and trim.

SPECIAL
\$6.95

Others in men's sizes, \$1.45, \$1.69, \$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.95, \$5.95.

Boys' sizes, \$1.69, \$2.95, \$3.95.



**THE MAN FROM
MICHIGAN**

317 STATE ST.

ALMA, MICH.

Stores in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Muskegon and Alma

Men's \$5.25 Value, Heavy TROUSERS wool cassimere in dark gray stripe patterns.

SPECIAL
\$3.95